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Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

Parent Portal

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have sent their email details to us so far. We will be in touch after half term with login details so that you can access the Parent Portal to book your mid-term reviews. Please remember mid-term reviews will take place towards the end of next half term from week commencing 14th March.

As we prepare for our half term holiday, we always like to thank those parents and carers who give their time to support the children on their educational visits. Thank you to the parents/carers who helped on the recent nursery visits to Manor House Library, to Isabel's mum in Chestnut 3 for coming to talk to the children about her work as a dietician and to Adam's mum who helped children cook last week. We also had a visit from May-Ling's mum who came to talk to Palm class about Chinese New Year and thank her too for taking the time to come to talk to our children.

SING UP Day at Brindishe Green

Last Wednesday all classes from year 6 to reception shared the song 'One in a million'

with different classes throughout the afternoon. At one point the school was full of children's voices, which was a real treat! Many thanks to Ms Tainton and Ms Hughes for arranging this annual event - it was a huge success.

On Saturday our SHINE children took part in their special graduation ceremony. Mr Baguley and Mr Lewis were delighted to see all the children there and to celebrate their achievements. We are now in our third year of this special partnership with Blackheath High School and are delighted to see how this weekly experience really develops the children's confidence and self-esteem. Many thanks to Mr Baguley for organizing this great opportunity for our children.

Tuesday was Safer Internet Day and we look forward to hosting several workshops after half term to support the safe use of mobile and other electrical devices.

On Tuesday our Chamber choir performed a special children's cantata at St Alfege Church in Greenwich. The children and parents were thrilled to be involved in such a prestigious event and we thank the adults who supported them in this process; Ms Tainton, Ms Borrett, Ms Metherell, Mr Conor and Ms Eleni. The event was a huge success and highly professional!

Also on Tuesday, our year 3/4 football team competed in a Lewisham Schools' football tournament at Prendergast Ladywell Fields and came 2nd out of 26 schools, losing only on penalties! Well done to all that took part. Finally on Tuesday our debating society took

part in a tri-school debate with BL and BM. It was a very close contest but the team from Brindishe Manor was voted the most persuasive. Well done to everyone who took part and many thanks to Brindishe Lee for hosting. We look forward to their next tri-school debate which will take place in the summer term.

Attendance and punctuality

This week Ash, Maple and, for the second week, Redwood class had the best attendance. Maple class also had the best punctuality - well done Maple!

Diary Dates

23rd February - Brindishe Green athletics team represent Lewisham and the London Games

24th February - Full Governing Body meeting

25th February - Maths workshops for reception families at 9.00am and 5.30pm

25th Feb - 3rd March - Book Fair

1st March - 13th March - Booking window for mid-term review meetings via parent Portal

4th March - World Book Day

15th/16th March - Challenge Partner Review

17th March - School photos

W/C 21st March - Mock Sats week for Yr 6

W/C 14th - 23rd March - Mid-Term Reviews

24th March - End of term

...and finally

Staff changes from half term

This week we say goodbye to Jess Godyn from Acorn 2 who is returning to Australia with her husband. Beth Bridewell, who is already well known to our parents in nursery and early years, will be the new class teacher for Acorn 2. We also say goodbye to Frankie Hey from Birch class who is leaving to join

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the metropolitan police and not long after we return from our holiday, Ms De Leon will also be leaving us to return to Australia. I know you will want to send them your good wishes and wish them the very best of luck for the future. Ms Pearson, who many of you will know, has also left us temporarily to work at Brindishe Lee until their new year 3 teacher is ready to join them. We look forward to seeing her back in Brindishe Green after Easter.

In addition, when we return, there will be some small changes in some classes as a one or two teaching assistants will be changing their year group. Be assured that there will be a careful handover to ensure a smooth transition.

We break up today and return to school on Monday 22nd February at 8.55am. Please note from our revised term and holiday dates that the school will be closed to children on Thursday May 5th (**for one day only**) as the school is being used as a polling station. Please also note that school will be open as normal on Monday June 6th. This is **not** an inset day.

If any of this information is unclear, please ask at the school office.

Please remember to take PE kits and check for any lost property today.

Have a great half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 22nd February at 8.55am.

Best wishes

Sarah Gorbutt
Headteacher

Executive Head - Vicki Paterson DBE